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For: JOINT REPLACEMENT COMPONENT HAVING
A MODULAR ARTICULATING SURFACE

Examiner: Pedro Philogene

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Introductory Comments

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 30, 2007 and Advisory Action mailed April 12, 2007, Applicant requests continued examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file for the above-identified application.

In accordance with USPTO practice, each section of this Response begins on a separate sheet. Applicant submits, this response serves to clarify the present invention, and is independent of patentability.